

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

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CASE #: OI-CH-2016-CFR-0057 CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: O'Hara, Floyd, GS-13, Information Security Officer, Resource Management Division

## CASE CLOSING REPORT

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**VIOLATION(S):** 18 U.S.C. § 2252A (Possession of Child Pornography)

18 U.S.C. § 641 (Conversion of Government Property)

18 U.S.C. § 1512 (Obstruction of Justice) 18 U.S.C. § 1512 (Obstruction of Justice)

**ALLEGATION:** This investigation was initiated based on information received from a local police department. The Naperville, IL Police Department noted that a large amount of child pornography was going to an IP address that was registered to the EPA office in downtown Chicago.

**FINDINGS:** The investigation revealed that the home IP address for Floyd O'Hara, Information Security Officer, EPA was also downloading large amounts of child pornography. Dual simultaneous search warrants on the residence and office of O'Hara uncovered additional evidence of child pornography and evidence of unauthorized EPA property at O'Hara's residence. Subsequent computer forensics showed that O'Hara tampered with the evidence in an attempt to obstruct the investigation.

**DISPOSITION:** On April 1, 2016, this investigation was referred to the United States Attorney's Office (USAO), Northern District of Illinois for prosecution consideration. The USAO accepted this investigation for prosecution.

On March 8, 2018, O'Hara pled guilty to one count of violating 18 U.S.C. § 1512 (Obstruction of Justice). O'Hara was sentenced to thirty-eight months of incarceration followed by three years of probation and ordered to pay a special assessment fee of \$100.

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On June 17, 2016, eleven days after O'Hara was arrested, O'Hara retired from the federal government.

On July 11, 2019, O'Hara was debarred for a period of ten years from participating in procurement and non-procurement activities with the federal government.

All potential criminal, civil and administrative remedies have been addressed, and no further investigative activity is warranted. This case is closed.

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